

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 500 - SB 595

February 7, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an Office of the Repealer within the Office of the Secretary of State for the next four-year period. Requires the Office of Repealer to be abolished after completion of the four-year period. Authorizes the Office of the Repealer to receive suggestions to modify or repeal statutes, rules, and regulations from citizens and government departments and agencies. Authorizes the Repealer to gather information from various sources including departments and agencies regarding laws, rules, and regulations necessary to performing the Repealer's duties. Requires the Repealer to establish an online system to receive public recommendations regarding various laws and rules and regulations that may need to be repealed or updated.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Secretary of State, the proposed position of Repealer will be filled utilizing a currently vacant position (Special Projects Manager) that is funded on a recurring basis in the departmental budget in the amount of \$92,010.
- Based on information provided by the Secretary, the vacant position of Special Projects Manager will be filled in the absence of this bill by June 30, 2013, in order to fulfill other departmental responsibilities.
- The position of Repealer will be filled in lieu of filling the Special Projects Manager position. As a result, any net fiscal impact to the state will be not significant.
- Following the four-year authorization period, and subsequent abolishment of the Office of Repealer, it is assumed the Office of the Secretary of State will convert the Repealer position back to the original Special Projects Manager position and fill the vacant position accordingly.
- According to the Secretary of State, the online system can be created on the existing web site without additional cost.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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